

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for October 2006

Region 8

December 2006

OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	10/06(p)	9/06	10/05
U.S.	4.1%	4.4%	4.6%
INDIANA	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%
EGR 8*	4.3%	4.5%	4.9%
Bloomington MSA**	3.8%	4.0%	4.5%
Brown	3.9%	4.0%	4.2%
Daviess	3.2%	3.5%	4.0%
Greene	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%
Lawrence	6.5%	6.4%	6.9%
Martin	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%
Monroe	3.5%	3.7%	4.1%
Orange	6.4%	6.3%	6.2%
Owen	4.2%	4.3%	5.0%
Bedford	9.0%	9.0%	10.5%
Bloomington	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%
Linton	6.8%	6.9%	8.0%
Loogootee	6.1%	6.0%	8.0%
Nashville	9.4%	8.5%	9.1%
Paoli	9.2%	8.7%	7.6%
Spencer	10.2%	11.3%	10.6%
Washington	4.1%	4.5%	5.1%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported regional and state unemployment rates were generally down slightly or unchanged in October. Overall, 32 states registered over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states recorded increases, and 6 states and the District of Columbia had no changes. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 42 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 4 states, and were unchanged in 4 states.

In October, Hawaii recorded the lowest unemployment rates at 2.1 percent. Michigan posted the highest jobless rate at 6.9 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in October than a year earlier in 288 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 68 areas, and unchanged in 11 areas. Sixty-one metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while two areas recorded jobless rates of at least 10.0 percent.

Fargo, N.D.-MN experienced the lowest unemployment rate in October at 1.5 percent. El Centro, California recorded the highest jobless rate at 16.1 percent.

*EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties. **Bloomington MSA includes Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties. None of the unemployment rates in this newsletter are seasonally adjusted.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – OCT 2006	COUNTY	OCT 2006 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	8.0%
2	Lawrence	6.5%
4	Orange	6.4%
41	Greene	4.7%
58	Martin	4.3%
61	Owen	4.2%
71	Brown	3.9%
85	Monroe	3.5%
90	Daviess	3.2%
92	Hamilton	2.8%

SURROUNDING STATES OCTOBER 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 3.6% Indiana – 4.6% Kentucky – 4.7% Michigan – 6.1% Ohio – 4.7%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)



WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	OCT 2006	SEPT 2006	OCT 2005	CHANGE FROM SEPT 2006 TO OCT 2006				OCT 2005 TO OCT 2006	
Total Nonfarm	84,400	83,900	84,900	+500	+0.6%	-500	-0.6%		
Goods Producing	13,500	13,600	13,800	-100	-0.7%	-300	-2.2%		
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	4,400	4,400	4,500	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.2%		
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,300	-100	-1.1%	-200	-2.2%		
Durable Goods	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%		
Service Providing	70,900	70,300	71,100	+600	+0.9%	-200	-0.3%		
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,600	12,600	12,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%		
Retail Trade	9,000	9,000	9,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-6.3%		
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	3,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.3%		
Professional & Business Services	6,700	6,600	6,500	+100	+1.5%	+200	+3.1%		
Educational & Health Services	9,900	9,800	9,800	+100	+1.0%	+100	+1.0%		
Leisure & Hospitalities	8,000	8,000	8,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.2%		
Other Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
Government	26,700	26,300	27,000	+400	+1.5%	-300	-1.1%		
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%		
State Government	19,500	19,200	19,500	+300	+1.6%	+0	+0.0%		
Local Government	6,600	6,500	6,900	+100	+1.5%	-300	-4.3%		
Local Government Education	3,600	3,500	3,700	+100	+2.9%	-100	-2.7%		

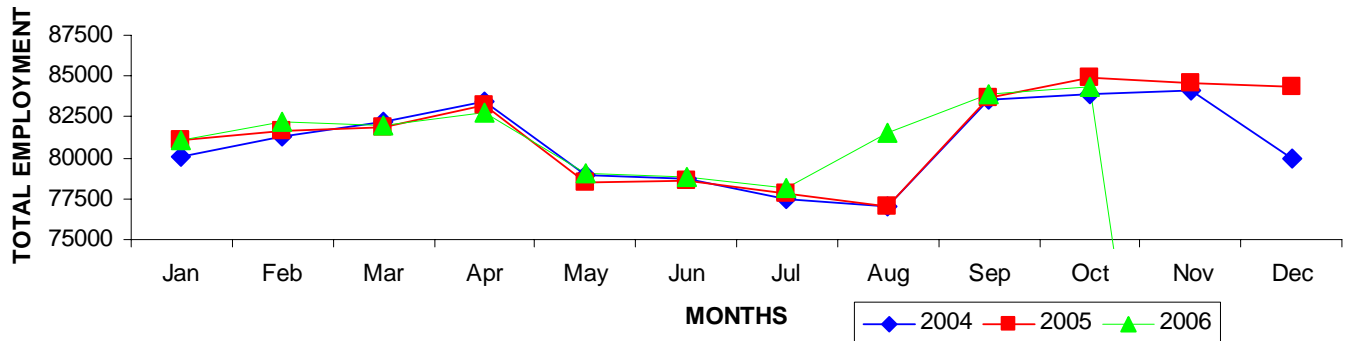
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – OCTOBER 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,000	78,800	78,200	81,500	83,900	84,400	81,400
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,200
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,400	9,300	9,200	9,100	9,200
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,500
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,600
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,800	9,900	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	8,000	8,000	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,400	21,200	20,600	24,100	26,300	26,700	24,300

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS



Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

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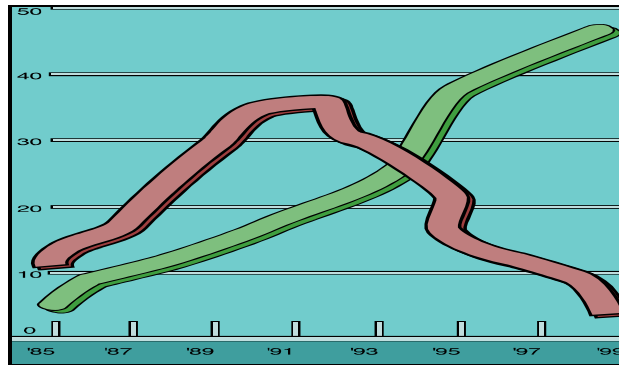
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U.S. City Average

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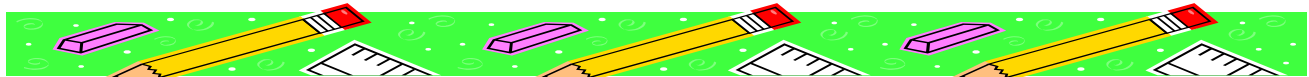
	October 05	September 06
All Items	1.3	-.5
Food & Beverages	2.6	.4
Housing	3.0	-.3
Apparel	.5	1.3
Transportation	-5.0	-3.2
Medical Care	4.0	.3
Recreation	1.2	.1
Education & Communication	3.0	.1
Other Goods & Services	2.9	.3





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	Oct 2006	Sept 2006	Oct 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	5,388	3,348	4,271	60.9%	26.2%
Bloomington	5,275	3,446	5,481	53.1%	-3.8%
Linton	1,805	1,360	1,906	32.7%	-5.3%
INDIANA	254,625	202,780	218,829	25.6%	16.4%



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during October 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED OCTOBER 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Assemblers	\$7.50	\$8.34	\$8.50
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	5.15	6.95	12.50
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.44	8.67	12.50
Cashiers	5.15	6.55	12.50
Salespersons: Retail	5.15	6.88	12.00
Cooks: Restaurant	5.15	5.89	9.00
Waiters & Waitresses	3.86	5.33	8.00
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	5.15	7.48	9.65
Cooks: Short Order	5.15	6.08	9.00
Hand Packers & Packagers	7.25	7.92	8.50
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	8.00	8.25	8.50
Child Care Workers	5.15	6.34	8.00
General Office Clerks	6.00	7.57	9.00
Production Helpers	8.50	8.63	8.75
Receptionists/Information Clerks	\$8.00	\$9.70	\$12.50

Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

October 30, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 8 Job Titles

<u>Region 8 Job Titles</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
Assemblers	3,093
Production Laborers	1,811
General Office Clerks	1,070
Cashiers, General	1,060
All Other Hand Workers	995
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	979
All Other Machine Operators	969
Production Helpers	939
Hand Packers & Packagers	933
Receptionists/Information Clerks	868
File Clerks	793
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	724
Administrative Assistants	709
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	665
All Other Precision Assemblers	665
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	650
Secretaries – Other	649
Salespersons: Retail	597
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	581
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	579



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties.



AREA (10/30/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 8	\$21,381	\$16,640	8,492
Brown	\$26,717	\$21,840	231
Daviess	\$21,874	\$17,680	514
Greene	\$17,235	\$16,640	1,749
Lawrence	\$23,252	\$18,200	1,907
Martin	\$20,308	\$18,720	191
Monroe	\$21,935	\$16,640	2,658
Orange	\$22,576	\$18,564	593
Owen	\$21,826	\$17,680	649



RETAIL TRADE EMPLOYMENT IN ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8

COMPARISON OF OCTOBER-TO-DECEMBER RETAIL TRADE INCREASES IN EGR 8, 2001 – 2005

OCT-DEC

2001	271
2002	386
2003	323
2004	319
2005	346

During the fourth quarter of the year, many retailers gear up for the holiday shopping season. The table on the left provides the October-to-December expansions for the past five years. Since these statistics do not distinguish between seasonal retail employment gains and growth precipitated by new businesses, the October-to-December expansion cannot be attributed solely to one or the other.

On the right is a pie chart showing 2005 retail employment distribution for EGR 8.



INDIANA LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS
www.hoosierdata.in.gov

Research & Analysis has a new website - Hoosiers by the Numbers. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce.

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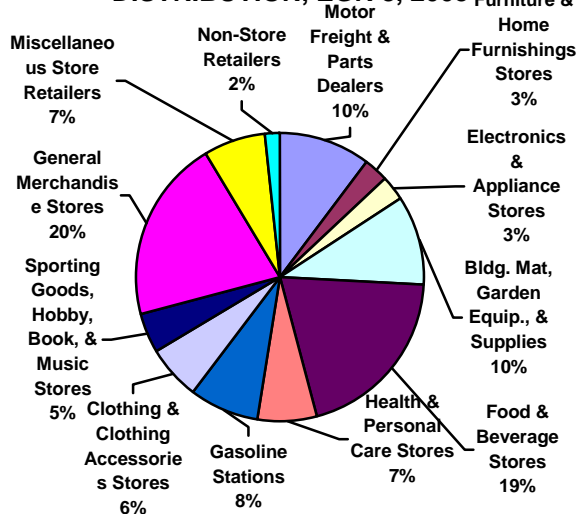
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LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the list of Labor Surplus Areas effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Employers located in Labor Surplus Areas are eligible for preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. The following is the list of cities and counties in Indiana that are Labor Surplus Areas.

Cities	Counties
Anderson	Blackford
East Chicago	Clay
Elkhart	Crawford
Gary	Fayette
Hammond	Grant
Kokomo	Henry
Marion	Howard
Michigan City	Lawrence
Muncie	Miami
Richmond	Orange
South Bend	Randolph
Terre Haute	Starke
	Sullivan
	Vermillion
	Vigo
	Wabash
	Wayne

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